# Solid Waste Management in Newcastle

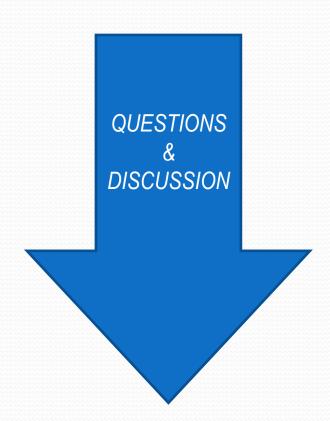
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### Solid Waste Management

- Regulation & Authority
- Newcastle History
- Current Conditions
- Next Steps



## Background

- A Municipal Function
- Regulatory Authority
  - RCW 70.95 Establishes comprehensive statewide program
  - RCW 35.21.120 to 35.21.158 Authority for cities to acquire and operate solid waste systems and facilities.
  - RCW 81.77 Solid Waste Collection Companies
  - More: MRSC Webpage goo.gl/RBMhfG

## Background

#### King County – Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan

- 6-Year Management Strategies
  - Collection
  - Transfer
  - Disposal
- 20-Year Long Term Planning
- Draft update out for comment



# Municipal Function

3 Ways to provide solid waste collection:

Defer to State



Self Perform



Contract Out







### Newcastle History

- **1994** City Incorporation;
  - Solid waste contract regulated by WUTC;
  - Existing franchises within the City to be cancelled
  - New franchise required to be issued (lessor or 5 yrs or remaining term)
- 1997 RCW Amendment: WUTC automatically continues to regulate until notified;
  - New franchise + damages (lessor or 7 yrs or term of franchise)
- 2005 Notification to WUTC of City's intent to exercise jurisdiction
- **2009** New 'franchise' issued to Waste Management
  - -10 year term (7 + 3)

#### **Current Conditions**



2019 - Date current contract is set to expire

#### Options for future:

- 1. Extend Current Contract
- 2. Direct Renegotiation
- 3. Procure New Contract

		<b>Extend Current Contract</b>	<b>Direct Renegotiation</b>	<b>Procure New Contract</b>
		Two 2-year terms	Negotiate new contract with Waste Management	Conduct public bidding process (RFP or RFB)
P	PROS	<ul><li>Predictable</li><li>Zero effort</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Maintain good working relationship with Waste Management</li> <li>Expected rate relief sooner</li> <li>Predictable</li> <li>Less process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Transparent</li> <li>Confidence in lowest rate</li> </ul>
C	CONS	<ul> <li>No rate relief</li> <li>Short-term solution</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not a public process</li> <li>Not certain of lowest rates</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Delayed rate relief</li> <li>More process</li> <li>Uncertainty</li> </ul>

#### Service Considerations

- Embedded yard waste and/or recycling
- Year-round yard waste pickup
- Frequency of recycling pickup (weekly or bi-weekly)
- Mandatory use of provided carts
- Mandatory service
- Commercial: Mandatory and/or embedded recycling
- Commercial: Subsidize residential rates
- Administrative fee
- Require new vehicles

#### **Next Steps**

- February 6 Continue Discussion; respond to questions
- February 20 Decision on Desired Approach
  - 1. Extend Current Contract
  - 2. Direct Renegotiation
  - 3. Procure New Contract